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Brockville's Greatest Store
A BARGAIN LIST
 Of Side Issues to Our White Goods Sale

During the sale of white goods all the other departments are offering special lines at reduced prices. Read this list over carefully.

LADIES' DRAWERS—very fine cream ribbed, fleece lined, sizes 5 and 6 only, just 8 pairs, regular price 75c pair sale price.....39c
 GIRLS' BLACK TIGHTS—15 pairs only, sizes 4 to twelve years, good grade, elastic ribbed, regular price 50c and 75c pair, sale price.....39c
 LADIES' DRAWERS—6 doz. fine elastic ribbed, natural, fleeced or not, open style only, regular price 50c pair, sale price.....25c
 LADIES' VEST—2 dozen left of our 20c ribbed natural vests to clear out at each, sale price.....15c
 CORSETS—1 1/2 dozen of those celebrated B. & G. bias filled corsets, white and grey, regular price \$2.00, sale price.....75c
 LADIES' GAUNTLETS—2 dozen pair of black or grey curl gauntlets, regular price 85c, sale price.....42 1/2c
 SMALL CALENDARS—3 dozen only left of dainty little embossed calendars, regular price 50c each, sale price.....25c
 MEN'S TIES—dozen odds and ends of fifty cent puffs, derbies and flowing ends, choice for.....12 1/2c
 MEN'S UNDERWEAR—few odd shirts and drawers, about 15, best shetland wool, regular price \$1.00 and 75c, sale price.....50c
 TAFFETINE LINING—25 yards, wide, brown taffetina, double fold, regular price 25c yard, sale price.....12 1/2c
 LADIES' BELTS—wide girdle back with 3 gilt buckles, regular price 30c each, sale price.....18c
 LADIES' DRESSING SACQUES—made of nice dark wrapperette, regular price \$1.00 each, sale price.....50c
 WHITE LAMB BOAS—for children's wear, 2 dozen left, regular price 25c each, sale price.....12 1/2c
 WHITE CAMBRIC DRAWERS—ladies size 1/2 inch hem, 3 fine tucks, regular price 25c each, sale price.....15c
 BRASS BUTTONS—large round shape, 5 dozen, regular price 15c dozen, sale price.....8c
 BLACK SILK GIMP—5 pieces, about 5 to 10 yards in each, regular price 10c yard, sale price.....5c
 FANCY BRAID OR BINDING—6 pieces, colored, regular price 15c yard, sale price.....8c
 PEARL BUTTONS—small size, 12 dozen only, regular price 6c dozen, sale price.....3 1/2c
 LAMBS WOOL TRIMMING—fawn color, 10 yards only, regular price 15c yard, sale price.....8c
 SIDEBOARD COVERS—good linen fringed and drawn, 6 only, regular price 35c each, sale price.....20c
 PIE PLATES—3 dozen, white enamel, 9 inch size, regular price 12 1/2c sale price.....7c
 LANTERNS—12 only, cold blast lanterns, reg. price 75c, sale price.....50c
 MATCHES—Little Comet, 12 boxes of 75 matches each per package of 12, regular price 10c, sale price.....6c
 WHISKS—good heavy serviceable whisks, regular price 12 1/2c each, sale price.....8c
 PLATES—15 dozen plain white semi-porcelain, regular price 75c dozen, sale price each.....50c

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THE GREAT BLOCKADE

The snow-fall of last week and high winds proved altogether too much for the B. W. & N. Rv., and as a result many travelers were storm stayed and Athens and all points west along the line were without mail service from Brockville from Thursday to Tuesday noon. Such a deprivation of mail service never before occurred, and business men are anxious to learn the cause and have the proper remedy applied.

The railway managers placed gangs of men working with trains from each end of the line, but they made slow progress in lifting the blockade, as the drifting snow filled in behind them as they proceeded. The depth of snow before last week was such that even on the level the trains passed through a narrow avenue between walls three and four feet in height. Into this narrow way the snow was driven and packed by the high wind so that forcing a passage without shoveling was almost impossible throughout a large part of the line.

While it has been apparent that the railway men were doing their best to open up the line, the question of why Athens was deprived of mail service for such a long period remains unanswered. The highway between this village and Brockville has been open to traffic, and arrangements could easily have been made to send mail to Athens and office served from this centre by the carrier of the mails between Brockville and Glen Buell. A little departmental red tape may have prevented this, but we are informed that negotiations are now in progress to prevent a repetition of this stoppage of His Majesty's Mails.

At 9:40 a.m. on Monday a train left Brockville, and it was expected that a clear run could be made to Westport, but heavy drifts were encountered after passing Athens, and working in conjunction with the east bound train, which left Westport at the same time, it was not until Tuesday evening that the line was opened between Westport and this place.

On Wednesday morning about 9 o'clock the cheering sound of a train whistle reached Athens and shortly after a train from Westport ploughed its way to the station. It carried a number of passengers and a gang of shovellers. A second train with another gang of shovellers had left the terminus ten minutes later, and the men were engaged in clearing up the track as they proceeded. After leaving Athens the train ran only to Elie before being stalled, and it took all the rest of the day before a passage was opened up to where another train and gang of men from Brockville were working this side of Clow's cut. At 7:40 a train arrived from Brockville bringing about twenty bags of mail matter and express to Athens and continued on up the line. This ended the blockade.

Those who have not been in the blockade have little idea of the difficulties the railway company had to encounter. The oft repeated drifting storms had necessitated the formation of great embankments of snow by the shovellers in some places, so that in removing the last blockade it was necessary to station men up the side of the embankments and handle the snow three times before it could be thrown clear of the track.

The B. W. & N. officials have put up a great fight, under most difficult and disheartening conditions, and the success that has attended their efforts has been quite equal to that achieved by many of the older railways of the country.

VILLAGE COUNCIL

The Athens village council met in regular monthly session on Feb. 6th. All present Minutes read and approved.

Clerk read bills as follows: clerk, \$340, for blanks and supplies for municipal election; Hutcheon & Fisher, \$48.43, costs re early closing by law; H. A. Stewart, \$31.00, his costs re early closing by law.

On motion, orders were given on treasurer for amount of above bills.

On motion, Wm. H. Jacob was appointed road and sidewalk commissioner at a salary of \$12.00 and the sum of \$200 was placed to his credit to meet current expenses and purchase material.

On motion, the premium on carpenter's risk on insurance of town hall was renewed for four months.

On motion, a by law to appoint certain village officers was introduced, read three times and passed, the blanks being filed as follows:—

B. Loverin, clerk, salary.....\$50 00
 J. P. Lamb, treasurer, salary.....20 30
 Irwin Witte and T. S. Kendrick, auditors, each.....4 00
 H. C. Phillips, assessor, salary.....35 00
 Wm. Hillis, chief police, salary 50 00

On motion, B. Loverin was appointed caretaker of fire engine and his building was re-engaged until July 1st on same terms as last year.

Mr. Donnelly's tender for printing supplies for 1905 for \$35 00 was accepted.

Wm. Parish was given an order for \$344 overcharge in his taxes for 1904.

Thos. R. Beale was appointed high school trustee for the usual term.

On motion, T. R. Beale was given an order for \$10 00, premium on treasurer's bonds for 1905.

On motion, \$25 00 was granted in aid of public library.

Council then adjourned to first Monday in March, unless sooner called by reeve.

B. LOVERIN, Village Clerk.

Medal Contest

As was expected, the medal contest, held under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. on Monday evening, gave a very pleasing entertainment. Rev. S. J. Hughes presided and seats near the platform were occupied, on invitation, by Rev. R. B. Patterson, I. N. Beckstedt and L. M. Weeks. The ladies had nicely arranged the vestry of the Methodist church, so it presented quite a cozy and inviting appearance.

The musical part of the programme consisted of the following, every number of which was strictly high-class:—

Solo—Miss E. Hughes.
 Duet—"Mozowski Spanish Dances" (Op. 12 No. 5) by Misses Culbert and Weeks.
 Solo—"The Bridge" (Lougfellow), by Miss Culbert.
 Solo—"Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep" (Emma Willard), by Mr. B. S. McCovnell.
 Duet—"March du Diable" (Suppi 5) by Misses Marie and Bessie Weeks.
 Trombone Solo—"Sav'd by Grace" (F. J. Crosby) by Mr. S. Manhardt.

The piano accompanists were Miss Weeks and Miss Tajlin.

The contestants were as follows and spoke in the order named: Miss Edna McBratney, Miss Hazel Rappell, Miss Helen Legett, Miss L. Green, Miss Crystal Rappell, Miss Leita Arnold.

All the numbers were heard with close attention, and as the speakers were above the average as elocutionists the selection of the one pre-eminent was not an easy task; at least this was the experience of the judges, who were Mrs. Deitrich, Mrs. D. Fisher and G. F. Donnelly. On retiring, the judges compared totals and by adding the separate results found that No. 6 (Miss Arnold) led by a plurality of 1. On the judges returning and announcing their finding, Miss Arnold was called to the front and Mrs. (Rev.) Weeks, after a brief, but truly eloquent and impressive address, presented her with the medal offered by the Union.

Then the national anthem, heartily sung, and the pronouncing of the benediction brought the meeting to a close.

The Kimball Graphic puts it this way: "If a farmer would thresh a thousand bushels of wheat and permit a thousand different men living in twenty different states, to each come and take away a bushel of grain, to be paid for later—"when they got it"—he would be in much the same condition as the publisher of a newspaper trying to round up what is due him from time to time."

Death of George Webster

Died on Saturday the 18th at his home in Athens, George Webster, youngest son of the late John Webster. About a week ago he contracted a cold, which soon developed into a serious case of pleura pneumonia, and which, in spite of the most careful nursing, ended in his death. Of a genial disposition, he won many friends, who join in extending their sympathy to the bereaved sisters and brother, viz.: Mrs. Robt. Mand of Oak Leaf, Mr. Wm. Webster of Smith's Falls, Mrs. J. D. Latimer of Lansdowne, and the Misses Eliza and Tillie at home. The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Patterson, rector of Christ Church, in the Presbyterian church, on Tuesday and a large number of friends from village and country attended the obsequies.

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